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The Socialist Party

50 YEARS

OF EXPOSING THE FUTILITY OF SUPPORTING CAPITALISM

OF THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT, OF STATE & PRIVATE

A Brief Party History

The Socialist Party of Canada, which embraces the "Object and Declaration of Principles" was organized in June, 1931 in Winnipeg. It comprised former members of the "old" or first Socialist Party of Canada, and newcomers who had apparently learned their Socialism in part from the pages of the *Socialist Standard*, journal of our Companion Party, the Socialist Party of Great Britain.

The old S.P.C. was founded in 1905. It was comprised of radical and Socialist elements from the British Isles plus immigrants from Europe and was fueled partly by discontent of workers in primary resource industries in the west. A strong unionist sentiment for better wages and working conditions, and some reforms permeated the Party despite its attempts at concentrating only on Socialism.

The birth of the Vancouver Local took place in a less direct way. In 1932, a B.C. based pro-capitalist reform organization called the Independent Labor Party changed its name to the Socialist Party of Canada despite the fact that a genuine Socialist Party had been organized in Winnipeg the previous year.

Because of its Socialist name, the Vancouver branch attracted some ex-members of the old SPC to its public meetings. They soon discovered that this "Socialist" Party of Canada accepted capitalism without question. The ex-old SPC'ers decided to join the Vancouver local of the non-Socialist Socialist Party to persuade it to either abandon its new name or to reject its reformist approach and adopt the revolutionary principles upon which the Manitoba group and its international Companion Parties were based. With an intensive education program, this tiny nucleus persuaded a majority of the Vancouver branch of the spurious SPC to secede and become the Vancouver local of the real Socialist Party based in Winnipeg. This achievement was not without friction. The bogus Socialist Party put up a contest for the headquarters hall and furniture, to no avail. It later founded the B.C. part

of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, which in later years became the New Democratic Party.

The SPC Vancouver Local approached perhaps 60 members in number. To today's novice, this may not seem to be an impressive number. Unless it's recognized that a general understanding of the nature of capitalism as a divided system with its inevitable struggle between the two classes, has not been a wide spread phenomenon among the world's workers to date. This is the reason why Socialist Parties have been so small, and is also why the first SPC, which almost achieved mass party status "before its time", only had a minority of members who were Socialists. Some of these were giants in their field and able speakers and writers.

Organizers in the capitalist parties of the "left" and the "right" have often been amazed at the volume of Socialist activity that had been generated by so few SPC members. The impracticality, the insanity of leaving ownership and control of the means of life in the hands of a tiny minority is a powerful motivating force for workers who realize the class division of present society. Understanding the cause of their problems, Socialist workers are usually a bigger influence for their ideas than the workers who still have the bosses' political ring in their noses.

ENTHUSIASTIC ACTIVITY

The 35-60 members of that first Vancouver Local were active every night of the week, with 9 speakers available for their Sunday meetings on Socialist principles. A business meeting was held on Mondays, economics class Tuesdays - Wednesday was open. Thursday meetings consisted of Forums with invited outside speakers, including University of B.C. lecturers on science. Friday was a history class and Saturday for socials.

A mimeographed paper was issued. They ran 5 candidates in Vancouver in the provincial election of 1933 and a candidate in the federal

Party Leaflet, Alberta Provincial Election, 1935.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

MR. WORKINGMAN

Are you tired of the capitalist system yet? Would you prefer it dished up on a different platter with new seasoning, or are you ready to break with it altogether and set up a new system of society?

Socialism is the only logical alternative to capitalism. *SOCIALISM HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED* - anywhere, at any time! Does this statement strike you as being strange? Do you immediately think of the Russian Dictatorship? Of labor governments or the "C.C.F."? Socialists have nothing in common with these. They are NOT alternatives to capitalism. The Socialist Party was here before these were heard of. We will be here when they are forgotten. The Socialist Party advocates socialism without qualification, without equivocation and without subterfuge. There can be no halfway ground.

All other Parties in this election advocate capitalism with certain variations. Their purpose is to mend and not to end capitalism. Ours is the exact opposite.

Is it not far more consistent to vote for something you want even though you do not get it, than to vote for something you don't want, and get it?

Hear our candidates! Arrange meetings for them. Send a few people to help our campaign.

Will we win? That is up to you.

Phone 72768 for appointments and all information.

Our Candidates in Edmonton are:

G.A. BROWN ROY W. DETOUR
FRANK J. CAMPBELL

C. M. CHRISTIANSEN

Issued by the Campaign Committee.

poll of 1935, with the work this entailed, such as publishing a manifesto, and distributing it, meetings organized, posters, advertising, fund raising and radio talks. With Socialism being a little known idea, they received few votes, but Socialist ideas were disseminated more widely.

The Edmonton Local ran four candidates in the 1935 Alberta election. One of the Party candidates managed to inveigle his way to the platform of a big Social Credit rally whose main speaker was none other than "Bible Bill" Aberhart, proponent of England's Major Douglas A plus B theorem. With the degree of desperation destination then prevailing, this former high school principal saw the mere government printing of "money" (currency) and its distribution to the poor masses as an obvious solution. When it was the Socialist's turn to speak he exposed the S.C. monetary reform nonsense, and presented the Socialist position in his address, and the Sacred audience applauded! They had actually heard nothing that he had said. Being desperate people with closed minds, they had assumed that he was just another S.C. speaker. Such was not the case with Aberhart. As the Socialist stated in his case, he kept an eye on the bible puncher seated across the platform from him. A red hue appeared on the back of Aberhart's neck and slowly progressed upward and toward the front of his bald head. The "great leader" knew what was happening and must have feared disruption in the thinking of his flock. He needn't have worried. After many years of running capitalism in Alberta, that once powerful and conservative voice of the capitalist class is now extinct. Its conservative policies were continued in office by the admittedly Tory Progressive Conservatives and now Loughheed & Co. are glancing over their shoulders at the radically "right wing" Western Canada Concept movement.

ACTION UNLIMITED

Whenever a group of SPC's were located in proximity, and if their circumstances allowed the time and finances, they contested elections. The Vancouver Local had four candidates in the 1933 provincial poll, two in the 1937 provincial contest, and the Winnipeg local ran one candidate in the Manitoba election of 1945. The Vancouver members also fielded a contest-

ant in a provincial bye-election in 1939. A succeeding Vancouver local put a candidate up in the 1962 B.C. election. A federal bye-election was contested by the present Victoria Local in 1961, and two general provincial elections with a single candidate each in 1963 and 1967. A B.C. bye-election in the Victoria area had a Party representative in 1978. The Party distributes an election statement in every federal election and every provincial election possible.

In those early days the Winnipeg local had a level of activity commensurate with its Vancouver counterpart. Market Square was the open air speaking area for Winnipeg, and Sunday afternoon Party speakers held forth in their "university of the streets". They often competed for audiences with the so-called Communist Party, which was preaching Russian state capitalism. They usually monopolized the other side of the square from the Socialist Party.

"COMMUNIST" PARTY

VIOLENCE

Joe Stalin's Canadian representative was also as disposed toward violent crushing of opposition ideas as were their leaders in Moscow. One Sunday the Bolsheviks summoned hundreds of their obedient followers from Winnipeg's north end to break up the SPC meeting. The same "Communist" Party in Alberta though, became very unobtrusive when the radical United Farmers of Alberta government used Stalinist type violence to break up its 1932 hunger march in Edmonton. The C.P. shepherds wanted hand-outs for the destitute workers and farmers whom they were leading down the garden path. The Brownlee government refused, and instead lowered mothers pensions by ten percent and wages likewise, as any government was doing during the '30's. The UFA government and Edmonton's Labor Party city council both gave their seal of approval to the newly founded Co-operative Commonwealth Federation incidentally, and the UFA later joined the CCF. The Edmonton city council in 1933 called in troops to prevent the unemployed from demanding food and shelter. (Western Voice, May 1/14/74).

What else can a government elected on leftist capitalist principles do except run the system and protect the property of the privileged few? Dis-satisfaction with the UFA government paved the way for Social Credit, which was later replaced by a return of the Tories. And so it went, the workers exchanging tweedle-dum for tweedle-dee in their blind search for redress. All those Alberta governments were just fine for the top dogs in society.

The membership of the SPC in those days included workers in St. John's, Montreal, Toronto, Moncton, New Brunswick, North Battleford, Calgary and Victoria. A local was formed in Victoria in May, 1939. It persisted through the '40's. A new one was organized in 1968.

BIRTH OF THE

WESTERN SOCIALIST

The early SPC had to address itself to many wily nostrums of salvation for the hungry thousands of the depression. A lot of these groups were serving the banner of Socialists while not being aware of, let alone questioning the minority monopoly on the means of life and its struggle-hold on the propertarian majority who must sell themselves for a wage, or exchange

The Price Control Fraud

An Examination of Government Policy on Wages and Prices

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

PUBLIC MEETINGS

CLUB TEMPLE JAMES AVE. E. - 1 P.M.
 March 9 - "The Meaning of Social Credit" - J. MILNE
 March 20 - "Socialism and the Working Class" - J. MILNE
 April 13 - "The Case for Social Credit" - J. MILNE
 April 27 - "The New World" - J. MILNE
 May 6 - "Internationalism" - J. MILNE
 JOURNALISTS AND JOURNALISM WILLIAM

Manitoba Provincial Election 1945

The Case for Socialism

THE CASE FOR SOCIALISM: MANITOBA ELECTION 1945
 THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

MILNE, James 1

The Socialist Party of Canada

The Federal Election The Manitoba Provincial

APRIL 1941

WINNIPEG
 Election Meetings and Meeting Notes
 of the 1930's and 1940's

One group of party eyed idealists opportunists to R.C. named themselves the Socialist Party of Canada and published a paper called the B.C. Clarion. They dropped their confusion causing name when they merged with the CCF.

There were many funny-money divisions in the CCF (just formed) as well as in the later Socialist Credit Party.

There were the U.F. Progressives and Labor Action, beginnings of farial style movements, the dictatorial state capitalist sentiments of the Bolsheviks and the paradox of having a little cash by peddling the boom communitism through co-operatives.

To assist in debunking and exposing their wily run-arounds, the Party brought the *Western Socialist* out, the first issue in October, 1933. It contained an analysis of the CCF's pro-capitalist Regime Mandate.

Excerpts from the *Western Socialist* dealing with the more important of these theories are reprinted in this 30th Party anniversary issue of the *SOCIALIST FULCRUM*.

There were occasions when the journal did not get into print, (other times when it had to be mimeographed, but it persisted in Canada until a rumor filtered down to the Winnipeg headquarters that the federal government was considering the suppression of the U.S., as war clouds approached. To forestall such a move, the membership of the SPC and its U.S. Companion Party decided to move the journal to the U.S. It became the voice of both organizations, the first U.S. issue appearing in November, 1939.

GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP

In time of national Capitalist emergency, the covert censorship in

those parts of the world where civil rights are allowed, comes out of hiding or becomes more severe. The powerful and privileged, fearing some of the international trading rivals, want to heighten the artificial unity of their undertakings for a war effort, minimize production disruptions caused by strikes over insufficient wage ration and so on. They muzzle some dissent. The propertyless majority who non no country are urged to go out and die, or legally kill fellow workers in other countries, for their masters' profit interests.

Such happened during the second World War. Some minority organizations, loyal to the system, but considered to be disruptive, were suppressed or dampened. The only revolutionary organization, the SPC, was also caught in the net to the extent of having its journal banned from entry into Canada in 1941.

Part of the SPC reply appeared under the title of *FREEDOM IN CANADA* in the July-August issue of

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THE WESTERN SOCIALIST

October 1933

MANIFESTO OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA ON THE WAR

Once again the great powers of Europe are at war.

Once again the workers in their millions are drawn from their workshops, their breadlines and their slums, to be thrown into a horrible conflict neither of their making nor in their interests.

Once again the brutal, mercenary nature of capitalist society is exposed.

It is in the nature of capitalism that in their quest for markets, raw materials, sources of exploitation, etc., the respective capitalists of the world are engaged in a constant competitive struggle, either to preserve or to gain advantages over their rivals; and by virtue of their control of the powers of government they are in the position to transfer this struggle from the economic field to the military field, where they endeavor to gain by wholesale slaughter what they have been unable to gain by other means. This is the explanation not only of previous wars but also of the present war. That the declarations of the ruling class propagandist agencies that this conflict is being waged for democracy, freedom and the independence of small nations, are merely the bait that must be used if the active participation of the politically uneducated workers is to be gained.

The Socialist Party of Canada, in placing on record its opposition to this new horrible demonstration of capitalism's evilness to survive, herewith reaffirms:

That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living by the capitalist or master class and the consequent enslavement of the working class by whose labor alone wealth is produced.

That in society therefore there is an antagonism of interests manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce and those who produce but do not possess.

That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class and the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

THAT AS THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATION, EXISTS ONLY TO CONSERVE THE MONOPOLY BY THE CAPITALIST CLASS OF THE WEALTH TAKEN FROM THE WORKERS, THE WORKING CLASS MUST ORGANIZE CONSCIOUSLY AND POLITICALLY IN ORDER THAT THIS MACHINERY, INCLUDING THESE FORCES, MAY BE CONVERTED FROM AN INSTRUMENT OF OPPRESSION INTO THE AGENT OF EMANCIPATION AND THE OVERTHROW OF PLUTOCRATIC PRIVILEGE.

The Socialist Party of Canada further declares that an interest is at stake in this conflict which justifies the shedding of a single drop of working class blood; and it extends its fraternal greetings to the workers of all countries and calls upon them to unite in the Greater Struggle, the struggle for the establishment of Socialism, a system of society in which the ever increasing poverty, misery, terror and bloodshed of capitalism shall be forever banished from the earth.

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

Winnipeg, September 3rd, 1939

British Columbia Provincial Election - June 1st 1939

Socialist Party of Canada

ELECTION MANIFESTO

ELECTION MEETING

to be held by the

Socialist Party of Canada

at

THE JOHN GOSS STUDIO

641 Granville Street

Opposite the Hudsons Bay Store

on

JUNE 10TH AT 8 P.M.

QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION

Listen to Radio Broadcast every Thursday Night
over Station C.F.M.O. 110 K.C. 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

VOTE FOR
VANCOUVER CENTRE
VANCOUVER DISTRICT
JAS. KING
J.H. BURROUGHS

Election Leaflets and Meeting Notices
Vancouver, during the 1930's

the *Western Socialist*. Quote: "In the world struggle now in progress, Canada is lined up with the British Commonwealth of Nations on the side of democracy and freedom. Yet, in the two years of the war for freedom so far elapsed, the Canadian government has suppressed at home and banned from entry from abroad numerous periodicals and papers, of which...*The Western Socialist*...is but one."

The "*Western*" continued as the joint journal of the two North American Socialist organizations until 1978 when *THE FULCRUM*, which was produced by the Victoria local of the Canadian Party became the Party's official publication. The title was later changed to "*THE SOCIALIST FULCRUM*".

UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT

The growth of organized, working class consciousness is not smooth. Progress is not steady or uninterrupted. It fluctuates. The first half-century has not been easy. The struggle is not easy now.

When the world's workers learn enough, they'll stop complaining about the weather, and change the climate!

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Letter from the government giving its explanation for banning the *Western Socialist* from Canada.

WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTS

The Censors' Reply

Ottawa, Canada, June 14th 1941

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of June 8th inquiring as to the reasons for the banning of *The Western Socialist* from Canada.

Action against this publication was recommended by us only after close examination for many months, during which objectionable material appeared on several occasions.

Decision to recommend action was finally made after the publication of an article in which such statements such as these occurred: "The worker has no interest in maintaining war production." "Patriotism serves merely as a cloak for loyalty to capitalism, for sacrifice of the workers so that industry may have its profits, it can bring only harm to the working class." "It (the war) is simply the competition of two rival business firms, so to speak, for trade."

This sort of thing, we think you will agree is not likely to be helpful to our national war effort. We must emphasize that our action was not taken against this publication because it was socialist, evidence of which is the continued publication in Canada or free admittance to Canada of a number of well known socialist and labor publications which are honestly critical of the present order of things, both political and economic. However, statements which are deliberately intended to sabotage morale cannot be tolerated, as you will understand.

The fact that any publication is banned at a given time does not necessarily mean that it will remain banned for the duration of the war. If after a period of time its publishers were so disposed, they might seek a review of its case especially in the light of issues published since the occasion of the ban order.

Sincerely yours,
F. CHARPENTIER
W. EGGLESTON
Press Censor for Canada
Per CAE. REULEO

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA'S REBUTTAL TO THE CENSOR.

The Canadian Government obviously feels that it must take pains to prevent allegedly treacherous or heretical ideas from reaching its population. The governmental letter concerning the banning of *The Western Socialist* calls its contents "objectionable." "THIS SORT OF THING, WE THINK YOU WILL AGREE, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE HELPFUL TO OUR NATIONAL WAR EFFORT," they write to us.

How very true! Could the Socialist message be transmitted to and understood by the workers of all belligerent countries, the capitalists, in their war efforts, would have to struggle against the awakened social consciousness, the stimulated thinking of the people of the entire world.

Canada, like so many "democratic" countries, refuses to allow its workers to hear all sides of the argument. These workers are continuously filled with war-mongering propaganda. The serum of capitalist distortion is constantly injected into the workers' minds to inoculate them against any ideas which may be harmful to the national war effort.

Can it be that the Canadian Government is afraid to trust the working class to think and judge for itself? Or does it fear that its workers once given the opportunity may really understand what it is all about, with disastrous results to the capitalist structure?

"...statements which are deliberately intended to sabotage morale cannot be tolerated," the governmental letter continues. Socialists condemn sabotage as a dangerous and detrimental policy since the working class emancipation can only be attained as the result of the democratic act of the overwhelming majority. Moreover, they do not favor enemy capitalists as against native ones — they support neither. The object of Socialist education is to build the working class morale throughout the entire world — for the inevitable Socialist victory.

The Canadian Government especially objects to our statement: "The worker has no interest in maintaining war production." Why indeed, is it to the worker's interest? Is it to his interest to produce instruments of death to be used in the slaughter of his fellow workers? Obviously not.

Just what is the object of this war production? Even prominent editorial writers admit that this war is, as the war was, a trade war, a war for markets and profits.

Unfortunately, some workers are forced to be interested in war production as it may offer them a job and a means of livelihood — for the time being, at least, until the war industries shut down.

The letter continues "We must emphasize that our action was not taken against this publication because it was socialist, evidence of which is the continued publication in Canada or the free admittance into Canada, of a number of well-known socialist and labor publications which are honestly and honestly critical of the present order of things." Evidently then, these publications are in harmony with the national war effort and therefore neither truly socialist nor in the interest of labor.

As a conclusion, the letter suggests that we mend our ways and stop putting "bad" ideas into the heads of innocent workers. Then the Canadian Government will forgive our past sins. It will allow our paper into the country again.

Somehow we remain untouched by such benevolence. The whole approach is typical of the capitalist technique. It tries to coerce Socialist education into submission, or at least into compromise.

Not with defiance, but with the persistence and patience which comes from knowing that Socialism is historically correct and some day will be accepted as such, we reply. Rather than concentrate *The Western Socialist* into a few watered, anemic, irresponsible publication, where only that appears which is sanctioned by the capitalist censor, we would suspend publication altogether. When *The Western Socialist* can no longer present a Socialist message it will cease publication, for its reason for existence will have vanished. In the meantime we will continue to publish honestly and scientifically those ideas which we feel must be contrasted with the prevailing capitalist ideas in order that the workers may arrive at an understanding of the society in which they live.

Reprinted from *The Western Socialist*, July-August, 1941

The United Nations has become a bad joke. Of its member countries, 118 of them violate the U.N.'s declaration of human rights. Its former director of human rights just resigned. And the U.N.'s failure to maintain peace was expected. After all, its major signatories were Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, who had just recovered Europe for their respective empires, after an unprecedented slaughter of human life. Socialists, having an understanding of capitalism, predicted the dismal failure of the U.N., as these excerpts from the *Western Socialist* of May, 1944 illustrate.

THE UNITED NATIONS AND WAR

The avowed object of The United Nations, according to its charter adopted at San Francisco, is "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." This objective is futile within the framework of capitalism. With millions of our fellow human beings everywhere looking with fervent hope to the success of the U.N. this is a serious charge. Is it a true one? The answer is vital! If the United Nations fails, how can wars be prevented?

Can the U.N. Succeed?

Both President Truman and Prime Minister Stalin hailed the Security Council of the U.N., now holding its sessions at Hunter College, New York City. They both revealed the real secret of what is wrong with the U.N. On March 19th, Truman proclaimed that the "United States supports the fullest implementation of the United Nations Charter", and 3 days later, on March 22, announced that the atom bomb tests at Bikini would be postponed to July for the implicit purpose of allaying Russian suspicions; but they will be held. On March 23rd, Stalin greeted the U.N. conference in New York as being "based on principles of equal rights of single states and not on the sovereignty of some states over others" and then proceeds to warn against those who "are sowing seeds of discord and uncertainty."

There you have it. There can be no international unity side by side with national sovereignties. National sovereignties presuppose national interests. National interests reflect the conflicting economic interests of competing national capitals for economic control. In these battles for economic influence, resources and control, power becomes concentrated into fewer hands. As we have seen, actually, there are but 2 real powers left, United States and Russia. The constant necessity of the Big 2 to continuously compromise within the Security Council are but battles between these two giant rival imperialist powers. The Rock upon which the United Nations will be smashed is NATIONAL INTEREST.

United Nations or no United Nations, the inherent, irreconcilable economic conflict of interest was well demonstrated at the Conference of the Prime Ministers at London last September. This meeting resulted in a stalemate that can only be settled by the holding of a better poker hand. On the coming April 25th, another attempt is to be made. The Foreign Secretaries of Russia,

United States, Great Britain and France are to meet in Paris to see if they can "clear the obstructions that have prevented their deputies from making progress on the drafts of the peace treaties." At the very same time, the British Foreign Office states that they are "doubtful that much progress would be made in modifying the Russian attitude."

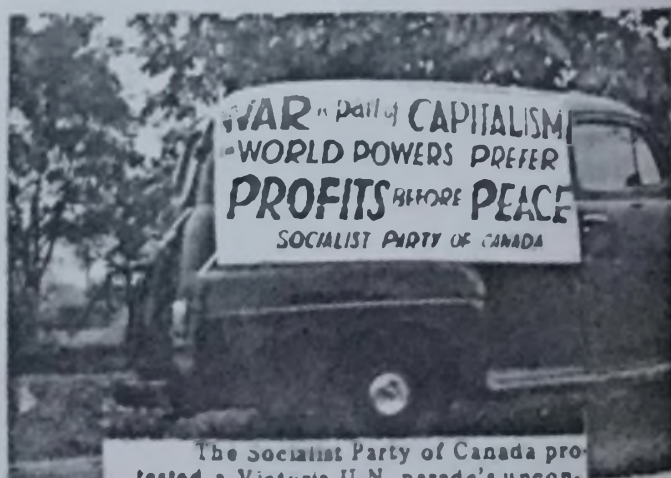
Bear in mind that this is NOT a "clash between totalitarian and democratic political systems" nor a "fight between capitalist and communist philosophies." These are but the shibboleths that conceal the real process underlying these conflicts. In the name of "security for their borders" and in the name of "national defense," Russia and America are jockeying for imperialist advantages. The truth is that there has been actual recognition of regions of influence and power blocs. Note U.S. insistence upon complete sovereignty over the Pacific island and the Russian demands for trusteeship of Tripolitania and Dardanelles form.

Note the danger spots, minor wars and civil wars which are conspicuous in the news of the day: Spain, Trieste, Iran, in fact, the whole Middle East, India, China, Manchuria and South America, just to mention the most outstanding. In every corner of the globe can be seen the workings of the conflicting economic interests that typify a market economy. Trade and commerce, production of commodities to be sold on the market with a view to profit, competition for advantages, sooner or later an explosive stage is reached - War. But the U.N. makes no effort to abolish these basic causes for war. There is nothing in its entire procedures that even attempts to go below the surface of appearances to the real world.

The "Democratic West" has yet to discover that troop movements by Russia against Turkey, or the Kurdish Revolt or the Russian political pressure to force a merger of "socialists and communists" in both Germany and France are not the power-hungry "war of nerves" of unprincipled aggressors but the normal workings of capitalism. Likewise, the "Socialist Fatherland" is not struggling against "capitalist encirclement." The change towards "toughness" by the United States to Russia, the somewhat cursory attention by America to the Russian request for a loan and Winston Churchill's Missouri speech are but expressions of the inherent, economic conflicts of our society.

This is what makes so tragic the fiction that peace is possible under capitalism. Our intellectuals and commentators tell us there are factors that make for peace overshadowing those factors making for war. They cite as some: "a strengthened U.N.", "improved world conditions", "the undeveloped Russian economy," "new advances in science," "new war techniques that make it too horrible," etc. etc. But cutting under and through all these alleged factors is the drive for profits. This is a system of society based upon production for profit. So basic is this drive for profits - hence for war, that all the nations, but the Big 3, in particular, are NOT even attempting to argue for or to institute limitations in armaments. To the contrary, the MAJOR portion of the United States, Russian and British budgets are for military expenditures. They don't seem to have much confidence in their baby - 2 United Nations.

REBEL.



The Socialist Party of Canada protested a Victoria U.N. parade's unconscious support for war (through its ignorance of capitalism) in the early 1960's.

A Brief History - Continued -

For the tiny minority who now see reality, it is infinitely easier to keep one's nose glowing than it is to grumble about the darkness.

The bosses' ideological vampire, preying on the minds of the useful class, makes them winners now, but their mastery has never been a clear-cut decision. In this deadly, one-sided struggle, they are losing ground. If the capital accumulators of the earth could exploit the majority below them, without parallel insecurity and unhappiness for the workers, they would gladly do so. The impossibility of this is their Achilles Heel.

Today's workers are better informed about the nature of the beast that denies them a life worth while. But so long as they don't perceive the whole picture, they have no choice but to continue supporting the system, at least apathetically. The process of learning enough to join the SPC could be easy. They might have less mental garbage to unload than their parents or grandparents would have had. It is retrogressive to go through life not lifting a finger against one's oppression.

What they did in "our free" Canada in 1940 to save us from Nazism.

THE WAR MEASURES ACT

A miniature reign of terror exists in Canada at the moment. It is being carried out under Section 39a of the War Measures Act.

A turnkey in an Ontario town informs three prisoners that the war isn't what it is cracked up to be. He is now in jail under the War Measures Act. One of Jehovah's witnesses in a Manitoba farming community announces that the war is contrary to God's will. He is in jail under the War Measures Act. Two citizens in a Winnipeg beer parlor express themselves in derogatory terms on the subject of a nearby "Highlander's" dress and fighting qualities. They are in jail under the War Measures Act. Almost every other day reports similar to these are carried in the daily press. It seems that Canada's principle part in this war is to consist of heresy hunting.

In addition to the arrests that are being made, the list of publications suppressed or banned grows longer every week. The U.S. picture magazine, "Look," was one of the first to get the axe. Recently the C.P. Toronto Clarion was suppressed and its editor arrested. The extent of the official panic may be gauged somewhat by the latest list of 12 more publications banned which includes such innocuous pamphlets as "Christian Reminders on War."

From the Western Socialist, Jan., 1940.

Excerpts from



publication of the Socialist Party of Canada until 1975, on some important working class issues, in the 1930's and 1940's

All The Same

SOCIAL CREDIT AND CONSERVATIVE - "SOCIALISTS"?

The C.C.F. has evidently decided that it is not going to be out-manoeuvred by the Communist Party in the laudable work of uniting the anti-Socialist elements in society. For the forthcoming provincial election in Saskatchewan, "Social Creditors, Conservatives and the C.C.F. decided to join hands to nominate one 'unity' candidate in the Wilkie riding." (Free Press, April 21st.) The same report states that S.N. Horner, an independent, already endorsed as Conservative candidate, has also been endorsed by the C.C.F., and will represent both parties in the Milestone constituency.

But the C.C.F. will have to get up early in the morning if it is going to put one over on our wide-awake Communists, for the same report also states that, in Regina, "T.G. McManna, 36-year old provincial secretary of the Communist Party, was nominated ... by the Labor-Progressive unity group, along with Rev. S.B. East, 66-year old Regina alderman, United Church clergyman."

Western Socialist, May 1938.



Open Air Speaking - Vancouver

LEADERS AND LEADERSHIP

The Socialist has to learn to be a leader, to tell the workers not to trust or follow any one. He points out that leadership is possible only with a profound working knowledge of the current and social position. Leadership presupposes an agreed following. On the other hand, if they had a clear view of their class needs the workers would delegate certain individuals to carry out their collective desires and if those desires were not carried out in a satisfactory manner the delegates would be immediately brought to task. In this manner the workers themselves would do the directing, with a different altogether from having a leader to tell them what to do and how to do it.

The masses believe, now fail, and follow capitalist leadership. The millions of unemployed do not yet see the reason why social change is necessary. Jobless, hungry and deserted, they will have faith in capitalism. They want food, clothing, shelter, they want many other things, yet have not the slightest conception why these things are denied them. The workers vote and work for capitalist political parties today, they have fought capitalist wars willingly in the past, and present indications are that they will do so again without protest. Their misfortune is aimed everywhere but at the system that robs them. They are not yet ready to up the collar of wage-slavery, they have not realized that the only thing of any real significance to them is the abolition of the present social system and their own status as wage slaves.

So the need of the times is one of education, not follow the leader. The "masses" need a revolutionary mental change. The decision of obtaining freedom by following some great man must be replaced with working class knowledge, followed up with revolutionary political action. No leader or "intelligent minorities" can lead the working class into the "promised land". The emancipation of the working class can only be accomplished through the action of the workers themselves, equipped with the knowledge and the desire to attain their freedom.

Fred Evans, Feb. 1934.

THE "COMMUNIST" PARTY

Reply to Tim Buck.

Your leaflet of recent issue inviting all to join the Communist Party is before me, and a microscopic examination fails to disclose the slightest revolutionary content. In fact, as a call to the workers it is as harmless to the present system as was my late lamented Aunt Matilda's bonnet.

In your first paragraph you observe that "Our country is facing grave crisis." Since when, may we ask, have the working class been anything more than their labor power, that the land is which we are bound to be destroyed as men? And for what reason should the workers sing, "Oh Canada, we stand no guard for thee," as the Winnipeg Communist Party did during its recent treaty on May Day?

You condemn the conditions which face the workers today, but why do you choose to ignore the cause of these conditions? Are you not aware, Tim, that we are living under capitalism and that capitalism, as long as it exists, can create nothing other than extremes of wealth on the one hand and poverty on the other, and all those miserable conditions to which you refer?

You become pugnacious over the anti-democratic articles of the Government of Ontario and Quebec. This pugnacity is hardly consistent with your party's wholehearted approval of the democracy and mass slaughter in Russia over the past several months. How do you account for it, Tim?

He said yes, as the head of the nation's self-styledanguard of the revolution, informing us that "The progressive Canadian people in the Trade Union, Farmers Organization, C.C.F., Communist Party, Labour and Co-operative Party, must unite into a force able to achieve a peace policy based on collective security, unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, outlawry of fascist gangs and the extension of the democratic rights of the Canadian people. Seeing that you would have all the other unwavering subscribers of capitalism in your united front, wasn't you just a little bit persistent in leaving out the means of the crop - the fascist gangs? There is good reason why they, too, should be excluded. For up now, Tim, haven't you taken time off occasionally from your arduous gymnastics to spend a quiet moment in mental contemplation of that great and renowned sea, where, as the "Daily Clarion" has assured us, the highest attainable degree of democracy has been reached. You want our own Democratic rights to be extended. Wouldn't you see them to reach the level enjoyed by the Russian workers? Of course, you would. Well, aren't the fascist gangs just the boys who are best qualified to assist you in this direction? Certainly

they are. So an extension of the bounds of your united front is imperative.

All in all, Tim, your leaflet is an indication of the ambition of the Communist Party to become a full-fledged capitalist party. The workers will be well advised to stay away from it - unless they are anxious to add to their present problems. -Quon Vadis
W.C.S. June 1938.

Chris Luff

Members in this country and in the United States will be saddened by the death of Chris Luff on March 18th, at the age of 94.

Before coming to Canada, he used to attend open air meetings in Hyde Park, including those of the Socialist Party of Great Britain. He remembered meetings addressed by A. Anderson in 1907. He enjoyed explaining how the Old Age Pension set up in England, reduced the cost in the running class of maintaining workers after they had been relegated to the scrap heap. He heard David Lloyd George repeat the following anecdote several times during the British elections around 1918:

"When I was a little boy, my nurse would stroke my head and say, 'If you are a good boy, when you die you will go to heaven and wear a crown.' Now I am going to give all the old people a crown every week."

He said that when government figures were published for that year, it was shown that it would cost the government 13/6 to house an elderly person in the workhouse, but only 5 shillings to supply them with their meagre supplies on the loose, a saving to the capitalist class of 8/6 per week per person.

He came to Canada around 1920, working in Ontario before moving to the West Coast and was in touch with the old S.P.C., getting his copies of the Socialist Standard through them.

One of his anecdotes was about the local C.C.F. nominating him as one of their election candidates, without his prior knowledge, despite the fact that he was not a C.C.F. member and always expressed them as reformers of capitalism.

Another was about the S.P.C. outdoor speakers in Winnipeg during the '30's having some rapport with the police in the Party's problems with the "Communist" Party, which also spoke on Market Square. As opposed to the "Communists", the police knew that the S.P.C. was non-violent and democratic. They would often warn the S.P.C. speakers of any impending

disruption planned by the Moscow minions.

Chris joined the Party around 1933. He was the main force in organizing the first Victoria Local in May 1939. Meetings were held in his home and recorded in the minute book of the Victoria Local of the first S.P.C.



Chris as honorary speaker, opening Speakers' Corner, Beacon Hill Park in Victoria, Oct/60. His remarks went on coast to coast T.V. and his photo was included in a one-page photo spread in the national WEEKEND Magazine.

WEEKEND remarked that Victoria's snap box forum was started by the Socialist Party of Canada's far left Marxist group which denounced Krumal as 'capitalist'. They nagged the reluctant city fathers for permission to set up the speakers' corner in the park, and won it when merchants lent air weight to their pleas on the grounds that a Victoria version of Hyde Park Corner would be a tourist attraction. (Vol. II, No. 28/61).

When the second World War was declared, the Local organized a Sunday afternoon outdoor meeting in Central Park to announce the Party's position on war. It was addressed by a speaker from Vancouver and they addressed the press. The audience consisted of 50-50 workers plus another worker in uniform. I.e., a very attentive police man.

Chris was a fixture in the letter-to-the-editor columns of the two Victoria daily papers, until a few years ago when he gradually withdrew from regular activity.

When the Local declined after the war, he carried on as the downtown focal point for members and sympathizers who hung on, supplying them with

50 Years of Capitalist "Progress"

When the Socialist Party was formed in 1931, the world was in its worst depression experienced. Canada's unemployment rate was 20 to 25 percent. The jobless included lawyers, doctors, executives. Farmers tried produce and firewood for medical and hospital services and groceries. Thousands of single men were homeless.

The tolerance living standard was lower in those days. For example, miner and construction workers in hinterland areas and loggers and their families often lived in shack tents (a wooden floor with the whole wall or part of the wall of wood). The rest of canvas) through subzero winters, no plumbing, no electricity. Some families roared in tents with tiny oil-light heaters. Unpaid, one bedroom houses were part of the standard. Aside from small farmers there was little large scale consumer debt. Material situations reflected actual incomes.

When the world capitalist economy is in one of its cyclical boom periods though, such as the several one following the second world war, it is easier for the wage-working masses and those to have faith in the system. Usually demand for commodities exceeds supply, including the commodity that workers sell to the employing class. With profit prospects being high, and rate of capital expansion promising, money wages tend to rise absolutely. Looking for a sneaky way to take the edge off this temporary and puffing advantage that the workers have, various sections of the national capital prevail upon their governments to increase state handouts surreptitiously called "social services". It is a slick way of reducing the cost of the national total of the necessities required to keep the labour force in explicable condition.

Not being aware of such government subsidies, most workers marvel over their "good fortune" at not having to pay doctors' bills or hospital expenses, at the illusion of security be-

comes of the "Western Socialist" and the "Socialist Standard" until the present Local was formed around 1959. At the age of 76 he conducted a winter economics class as a prelude to the formation of the present local.

Chris was deliberate, unhurried and thorough in his teaching of the economics of capitalism.

Until a year or two ago he was still urging members to reply through press letters to occasional violent editorials that got his dander up. Not long ago he phoned a radio station to express his amazement (in reaction to a program) at the ignorance of workers thinking they owned B.C. The manager hung up when Chris told him the workers owned virtually nothing but their labor power.

We send our condolences to his family.

Since they can afford U.I.C. within ten or three weeks of becoming homeless or unemployed for industrial accident disabilities or collecting welfare when one is "down on his luck" they are frequently sent less pressure on the employers for wage increases. Their overall position compared to the ruling class deteriorates.

A large percentage of the exploited class becomes "upwardly mobile". They can retire little dead in a sheltered home 20 years down the road, two shovels here in the overgrown garage, a trip every summer, maybe a cruise and a boat on time payments. Children of the 30's depression have given their kids

most but made no new additions to working class class dependency in their parents' lives.

Fifty years of progress for every body today who is born here only for the present and privileged few. Decades of capitalism that governments could prevent depression during Keynesian overruns of superinflationary currency, without producing a new class stagnation. This class around the draining money incomes of the prodigious economy are supported by the new placements of rising prices and rising interest rates based on private bank over issues of incorporation for every



Breadline outside the Sisters of the Atonement Church, Vancouver, B.C., 1961

something they never had, a university education, which (imagine that!) happily coincided with a need of the exploiting class for higher educated workers to man the developing technology. Small entrepreneurs, crying for "help", employ high school students during summer holidays, evenings and week ends. They can drive people to school and enjoy a season of freedom tearing around the country. The description in this seemingly high standard of consumption is to be partly found in consumer debt, which was \$22 billion in 1977, excluding home mortgages, and was increasing from 15 to 19 percent annually. In the U.S. home mortgage debt doubled from 1970 to 1980. Other consumer debt there tripled in the last 30 years (TC, 8/3/81). This is consumption which is not accounted for by actual income. Boom time wages and salaries were actually short of providing not for needs but for a level of consumption somewhere between the value of wages and needs. The illusion of living on borrowed money becomes tempered by one of capitalism's unpredictable and uncontrollable drives in the business cycle.

The relatively low wages caused by prosperity induced state subsidies, in "good times" becomes apparent when many workers among the mass unemployed find themselves lined up at soup kitchens within a couple of months of having their jobs. Party free or fifty years of relatively full employ-

Many single parent families live in desperation. Capitalist progress has required 2 breadwinners instead of one to support a family, and especially aged for children, enabled by the system's more, create another social problem. Briefly, the marginal cost of workers during the up of the business cycle are repressed during a depressive

Maclean's magazine described the 1980's as "A world deepening into a decade of nightmare ahead. Less Compagnon's former federal minister of Finance and senior staff, said "The roll call of human turmoil grows long or", and that "three quarters of the human family is in need of help" (8/11/80). Not much optimism for the majority there.

In long of the workers agree to leave ownership in the hands of a few things won't change much. The capitalist process involves employers paying the workers' skills over the long term, at their value, the price of which is major salaries. But workers are not allowed into the boss's premises unless their labor produces value in excess of their costs. These surplus values are appropriated by the boss and shareholders as rent, interest and profit.

Enforcing legislation for half a century has helped the Bangladeshi condition.

MISERY, 1980'S STYLE

By Sam Green

Through the years of conflict and pain and business struggles, and deep despair, the Bangladeshi condition has become a tragedy.

Various studies point out that in 1971, 10 years ago, people were living in a state of misery. The World Health Organization's definition of misery is a state of being, one of a person's health, which was not at all good. It was not a state of being, but a state of being, one of a person's health, which was not at all good.

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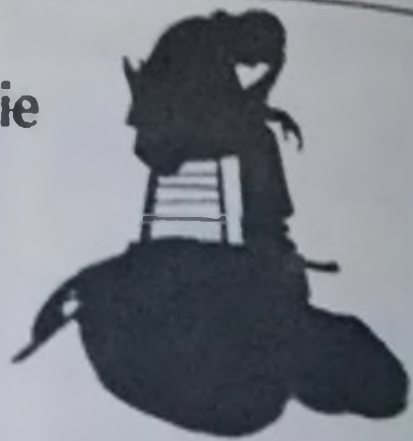
Fifty years ago, on the 15th of August, the British Empire was at its height. It was a time of great power and glory. It was a time of great power and glory. It was a time of great power and glory.

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Adult children are reported to be

Some people die every day.



cause the increase being blamed on unemployment, mortgage foreclosures, personal bankruptcies and divorce.

In 20 years some superficial changes have appeared. Among them being the fact that the hangman's noose is at the time outlawed as punishment for murder, while using a noose for execution is still an indelible offense as it once was. Ranges are still used for keeping under however, or keeping off, depending on the degree of suffering and dependence.

Psychiatrists now don't make a large segment of working people particularly. Of 200,000 annual deaths, more than 200,000 are caused by heart disease, cancer, stroke, accidents, diabetes, diseases of the liver and other ailments. (Weekend 8/2/81)

In the 1930's drug addiction was the exception. Today, some form of chemical addiction is the general rule. Alcohol is another indicator of suffering and despair. It is increasing with the situation that also leads to violence, rape and psychosis. Alcoholism is as rampant as ever, with the addition of teenage alcoholics, child abuse and off-beatling are all the upswing. A new



development in unhappiness is abundant children in the U.S. are million children. And are missing. In the 1930's, there were no such children. In the 1930's, there were no such children. In the 1930's, there were no such children.

The period from the Depression of the 1930's to the present is the time with large waves of misery in between, including a world war, which has been

called a progress for the wage and salary workers. But, tonight, workers are still in the same state. Workers are still in the same state. Workers are still in the same state.

problems added to the list as industries cut expenses to maintain profits. To some people, pollution rivals nuclear holocaust as a threat to all human existence. The working majority have been losers.

However, several material conditions have been influencing the workers thinking toward less acceptance of their master's rule. Once the news of the capitalist world was known, socialism is as logical as coming out of the rain, if you don't like the wet.

ITEMS CROWDED OUT OF THIS ISSUE

Reforms by the "Left", "Center" & "Right"
Human Nature
Starvation

These subjects were considered to be relevant for this Party anniversary number, but inadequate space has relegated them to the next issue.

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3. That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the transformation into the common property of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.
4. That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind without distinction of race or sex.
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8. That the Socialist Party of Canada therefore, claims the field of political action determined by wage war against all other political parties, whether alleged labour or avowedly capitalist, and call upon the members of the working class to transfer their allegiance to the end that a speedy emancipation may be brought to the system which deprives them of the fruits of their labour, and that poverty may be given place to comfort, privilege to equality, and slavery to freedom.

Anyone agreeing with the above principles and wishing to join should write for application form and questionnaire to headquarters in Victoria.

The Option

The concentration of the world's profit system on a single, humanity is in pretty bad shape. As a mass where productive potential could provide a sample of the good things of life, show market demand, without loss of unprofitable tasks have to be over-looked, some millions of people die from hunger.

Industrial production for market demand is fractional when compared to human need in "prosperous times". It becomes more marginal in a depression. Regardless of the market highs and lows, millions go without the basics of survival.

An area now that wastes a big fraction of the partially paralyzed productive plant, threatens the continuation of 10,000 years of necessary social evolution, despite the fact that a majority of the world's workers don't want war. The planet has become an unfriendly neighborhood.

Human Survival is capable of better than this. He had the upright stance, stereoscopic vision, was a conscious maker and user of tools and controlled fire over a million years ago. The social equality or the equal voice of common ownership and democratic control has not been unknown to man. Primitive circumstances compelled early man to use tribal socialism for individual survival and development.

The prevalent ruling class ideology of today which insists that humans are inherently greedy, selfish and lazy and are incapable of voluntarily co-operating in their interests is exploded by the fact of prehistoric man.

Close to the present, the 10,000 years of tool and machine evolution have brought mankind close to the world as a harmonious village in capability, except that the major division is still here. The means of life remains the private preserve of a minority of the race.

Despite the ability to put men on the moon and run factories with microchips, the worry over making ends meet, to the workers in the industrial nations supercedes the fear of possible nuclear destruction. The best part of their lives are handed over to the owners of capital, i.e., employment, obeying commands all day, and upon returning to the outside are confronted with a set of laws from the hierarchy above. The proceeds of their alienated labor are sucked up like a vacuum cleaner, except for a wage ration to renew their energies. This "part of living" is accepted as normal by many who can see no basic alternative to the present structure. It is not necessary to look far to see that the profit priority is unbending, there are no compromises. Workers unquestionably do take a back seat.

Early capitalism had some logic, the means for producing and distributing goods and services then had to be developed, to the point of being ad-

just to stretch the needs of mankind. Now that it has long outlived its historical usefulness, no change of ownership remains. It is obvious.

Like the property systems of chattel slavery and feudalism which preceded it, the money system is a way-point. Human society evolves like everything else in the observable universe. And Capitalism is not cast in concrete.

The change however, will require a conscious minority, not the present following of leaders (in the only direction leaders can get down the garden path. To recognize society so that its priority makes sense, knowledge is power. The minority that has political power knows that it is a separate class, with interests in opposition to the masses from whom it derives its wealth and privilege. The lower 90% needs to realize that it too is a separate class, whose only real interest is to rid itself of domination. When wage and salary workers know this, they too will have political clout, far more than their masters.

A revolutionary idea is never isolated in one country. The social conditions of capitalism is the soil in which Socialism grows and they are similar in all developed countries. The evidence for Socialism is in Capitalism's failure. As the idea grows among the useful class, they will send more delegates (in Canada, M.P.'s, M.L.A.'s) to the governing seats of the powerful and privileged, until they have a majority. They can then co-operate with Socialist majorities in other countries to end classes.

As a system of society, Socialism will replace money with a system of free distribution of wealth solely for use, according to individual need. Socialism will be based upon the universal ownership of all the things that go to produce and distribute goods and services. With an administration of things rather than a coercive state over people, naturally concurring with democratic control. Society will provide for itself through voluntary co-operation in the use of the vast technology that capitalism will leave behind. From each according to ability, to each according to need.

The minority of the genus who still own and control the earth have made a dirty word out of Socialism, both the leftists who claim to be Socialist, and the rightists who join the chorus. They have some advantages. They start working on our heads when we are children. "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree." But the victims are learning hard lessons. This system is becoming less possible every day.

Organized Socialist thinking and activity is a reaction against capitalism. Bringing in a new system fit for humans to live in will be far easier than merely trying to survive in this one.



Embarking on new avenues of thought is easier and more rewarding than trying to compromise the growing contradictions of this system. Many have reached a partial or complete understanding of Socialism without hearing of us - such as knowing that state ownership is not Socialism or knowing that the non-certain countries are still capitalist dictatorships; that profit is made at the point of production; that governments do not function for the general population; that wars are international contests for markets, materials and spheres of influence, and so on.

Those who hear of us should join us in the organized struggle to get out of the dark ages so that the human race can start making history. Any individual effort you want to make will be expanded when you make it in conjunction with others.

